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SUBJECT: MTAG: UNSCR 1718: TAIWAN SANCTIONS NORTH KOREA

REF: A. STATE 188039

[B](#). STATE 194936

[C](#). TAIPEI 3681

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[1](#). (C) Summary: AIT discussed in detail the ref A U.S. report on efforts towards implementation of UNSCR 1718 and provisional list of luxury goods with officials from Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and Ministry of Economic Affairs Bureau of Foreign Trade (BOFT) at meetings on December 5. AIT took advantage of the meeting with BOFT to pass the ref B response on an export license application. End summary.

[2](#). (C) Taiwan officials are currently considering expanding the package of trade, travel, and financial sanctions that Taiwan imposed on North Korea (reported ref C) to include a list of embargoed luxury items. On December 5 AIT met separately with MOFA North American Bureau Deputy Jack Su and BOFT Export Control Task Force Head Wally Su to discuss the provisional U.S. list of luxury items. AIT noted that Taiwan is an exporter of several items on the U.S. list including all listed electronic items, and many of the listed recreational and transportation items. In addition to items on the provisional U.S. list, Taiwan also exports a significant quantity of monosodium glutamate (MSG) to North Korea. According to AIT sources, Taiwan MSG is more expensive than MSG from other sources, but is generally recognized as being the best for gourmet cooking. BOFT Wally Su suggested information linking gourmet cooking to North Korea's Dear Leader could be useful in persuading Taiwan agencies to go along with an embargo on MSG. (AIT will conduct an internet search to try to establish this link.) BOFT Su noted that Japan had banned exports of beef and tuna to North Korea because of Kim Il-Jong's rumored liking for these products.

Export Control Demarches

[3](#). (S) Separately, AIT relayed the export control information in Ref B to BOFT Wally Su.
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